

REMARKS

The examiner in paragraph stated that the declaration was defective and a new oath is required. The reason given is that the declaration fails to identify the application by serial number and filing date. This is not correct. The declaration identified the application as attached hereto on page 1 of the declaration. This is a common and accepted way of identifying a new application. Applicants used a Form PTO-SB-01. A copy of the declaration is provided herewith. In view of the above remarks the requirement for a new oath/declaration is overcome.

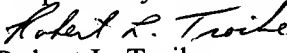
Figures 1,2A, 2B, 3 and 4 are proposed to be amended herein to add the legend "PRIOR ART". Approval for this drawing correction is respectfully requested. A letter to the Official Draftsman is sent herewith. The objection to the drawing should therefore be removed.

Claims 2 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC §112 because of insufficient antecedent basis. Applicants have amended these claims to overcome the insufficient basis. It is believed that with the amendments to Claim 2 the insufficient antecedent basis is removed.

Applicants' claims 1-9, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Cohn et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,487,713) hereinafter referred to as Cohn. The Cohn patent was filed on September 24, 1999 after the filing of applicants' provisional filing of August 4, 1999. Applicant is entitled to the benefit of the provisional filing date. Therefore the Cohn patent should be removed as a reference. Applicants' Claims 1-9, 12 and 13 are therefore deemed allowable.

Applicants' claims 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over Cohn as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Draves (U.S. Patent No. 5,950,221) hereinafter Draves. The rejection is based on the Cohn patent that is not a valid reference since applicant is entitled to the provisional filing date.

In view of the above applicants' Claims 1-13 are deemed allowable over these references and an early notice of allowance is deemed in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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